

The Board of Public Works met at the office of the Governor at 12:40 p. m., February 1st, 1916.

Present: Governor Emerson C. Harrington,  
Comptroller Hugh A. McMullen,  
Treasurer, Murray Vandiver.

The Board appointed Thomas W. Simmons Secretary to the Board.

Governor Harrington explained to the Comptroller the transaction of the sale of plates to Mrs. Lloyd Lowndes, and Mansion house flags to Gov. P. L. Goldsborough.

Minutes of meeting of January 5, 1916 were read and approved.

Communication of January 19, 1916, relative to insurance rate on tobacco and tobacco warehouse was read together with answer thereto. Bill of particulars was received after the receipt of said letter and particulars were submitted to the Board.

Repairs and fire protection doors, etc., recommendations were read to Board.

The Board ordered the Secretary to telephone the Tobacco Inspector to come to Annapolis at once to explain condition of tobacco warehouse and give insurance rate and expense necessary to get benefit of lower insurance rates.

Letter relative to Northwestern Hay Scales was read.

Bills for plumbing, etc., by Whalen & Co., bills \$21, \$55<sup>23</sup> and \$129.18 were passed and ordered paid.

Notice from Baltimore City to Secretary Graham to repair Northwestern Hay Scales was read. Referred to Secretary of State to have work done.

Letter from Robt. L. Beacham relative to public improvements and copy of resolution together with Secretary of State's reply acknowledgment thereof, were read.

Communication stated matter has been referred to Speaker of House of Delegates for reference to proper Committee.

The Governor brought to the attention of Board the question of the advisability of selling the State's interest in the Northern Central Railway Company mortgage for the purpose of reducing the State's bonded indebtedness, and advisability of issuing bonds for meeting deficit of around \$1,500,000. Matters discussed.

Comptroller moved to sell State's interest in mortgage of

Northern Central Railway Company provided it could be sold for at least \$3,000,000 in Maryland State Bonds of 4% issue. Motion seconded by Genl. Vandiver, put and carried unanimously.

Motion made and unanimously carried endorsing plan for State to issue 4% bond sufficient to pay off deficit.

Comptroller moved a consideration of the advisability of having made and that means be provided, for securing an inventory of State assets and their valuation and that said inventory be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State. Motion seconded, put and carried.

Governor submitted question of advisability of continuing retainer of \$25 per month to Mr. Harry Hopkins, Chief Clerk in Comptroller's Office by Board of Public Works for aid and assistance to Board. Matter held for further consideration.

Question of requiring interest in State's deposits in Farmers National Bank of Annapolis, considered and decision deferred.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary.

